

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 14-19 and 22-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 23 and 24 are allowed. Claims 14, 17, 18 and 22 stand rejected. Claims 14 and 22 have been cancelled, and claims 17 and 18 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks hereinbelow.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 112:

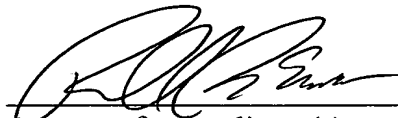
Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 103:

Claims 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue (U.S. 5,710,945) in view of Schreiber (U.S. 4,500,919).

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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